Yox Valley Partnership

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Welcome to this month's Attendance Bulletin.

December – Every day counts before Christmas!

The final weeks of term are full of learning, special activities and lovely moments for children to enjoy together. Christmas celebrations are a special part of school life, so please help your child make the most of them by attending throughout the term. We also encourage families to check the school's term dates and avoid extending the Christmas break, so children don't miss out on all the fun and learning at the end of term.

The equivalent to almost half a school day is missed per child, on average, in the final week of term alone. We encourage you to avoid taking holidays during term time and to ensure your child attends school right up to the end of term, unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend. Every day of learning counts!

What can you do to support your child's attendance?

- Check our published term dates.
- Plan appointments outside of school time where possible.
- Speak to us if there is a genuine exceptional circumstance for your child being absent.

Useful links

- School term dates
- School attendance policy

Every child's safety and wellbeing is our highest priority. When a child is absent and we have not been informed why, it is important that we can quickly confirm they are safe and where they are. Letting the school know the reason for your child's absence helps us fulfil our safeguarding responsibilities, provides peace of mind for families and staff, and ensures we can offer support when it is needed. Thank you for helping us keep all children safe by reporting absences promptly.

Next month's focus: After the Christmas break, a few simple routines can help your family settle back into school life and start the new year positively.

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